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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Addonizio, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/014,705  
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For : STENT HAVING HELICAL ELEMENTS  
Examiner : U. Chattopadhyay  
Group Art Unit : 3738

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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the nonfinal Office Action mailed March 12, 2004 and as a follow-up to the August 10, 2004 interview with the Examiner and her Supervisor. Reconsideration

is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks following.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from June 12, 2004 up to and including September 12, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$475.00 fee for an Applicant of Small Entity Status to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fees which may be due in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.